

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 602

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Andy Marshall upon being named the 2017 Restaurateur of the Year at the Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association's Stars of the Industry Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Andy Marshall is one such individual, who was recently named the 2017 Restaurateur of the Year at the Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association's Stars of the Industry Awards in Gatlinburg; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis, Andy Marshall moved to Franklin at the age of thirteen, where he began learning the inner workings of the grocery business with his father, Clifton H. Marshall, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Franklin High School, Mr. Marshall received his degree in business and marketing from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-six, Andy Marshall purchased his first grocery store, a Piggly Wiggly in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and over the next several years, he purchased additional grocery stores in Nashville; during this time, he was named president of the Tennessee Grocers Association and the Piggly Wiggly Association; and

WHEREAS, with his love of food, music, and community steering him in a different direction, Mr. Marshall sold all of his stores in 1998 and purchased a little gem in the heart of Leiper's Fork called Puckett's Grocery; and

WHEREAS, described as the coolest little country market Mr. Marshall had ever seen, Puckett's Grocery was a restaurant that served everyone while it pretended to be a grocery

store; this all changed when a formal dinner and music program began at the local hot spot in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the first opportunity to expand came two years later, when Andy Marshall opened a second location in historic downtown Franklin that was more of a restaurant and live music venue than a grocery store; in 2010, Puckett's 5th and Church in downtown Nashville opened with a bigger stage and seating for 150 guests; and

WHEREAS, Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant opened in downtown Columbia in March 2013, followed by locations in Chattanooga in 2014 and downtown Murfreesboro in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Puckett's Grocery & Restaurants, the A. Marshall Family Foods, Inc., family also includes Homestead Manor in Thompson's Station, Hattie Jane's Creamery in downtown Columbia and Murfreesboro, Deacon's New South in downtown Nashville, and Puckett's Boat House and Scout's Pub in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, A. Marshall Family Foods, Inc., was listed on the *Inc.* 5000 list of America's fastest-growing companies in 2014, 2015, and 2016; and

WHEREAS, known for good Southern food and hospitality, Mr. Marshall's restaurants have been recognized by visitors and critics alike, receiving numerous Williamson County Sizzle Awards and "Best BBQ in Nashville" at the People's Choice Annual BBQ competition; Puckett's Franklin location has been voted "Best Restaurant Worth the Drive" and "Top 100 Restaurants" in *Where the Locals Eat* and "Must Visit Restaurants While Traveling Award" in Rand McNally's *The 100 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America*; and

WHEREAS, a three-time winner of the *Nashville Business Journal's* Williamson County IMPACT award, Mr. Marshall has been named Small Business of the Year in Hopkinsville two years in a row, twice received the National Spirit of America Award for Entrepreneurship, and won the 2017 state-level Friends of Extension Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Downtown Franklin Association, Mr. Marshall has served as a board member of the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce and as an executive board member of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County; currently vice president of the Franklin Theatre, he serves as a culinary advisor to the Franklin

High Culinary Arts program and as a board member of One Williamson One Chamber and the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Marshall is perhaps most grateful for the love and support of his wife of more than thirty years, Jan, and his three children, Claire, Emily, and Cliff; and

WHEREAS, Andy Marshall has earned the acclaim of his peers and his customers alike, and he is deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Andy Marshall upon being named the 2017 Restaurateur of the Year at the Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association's Stars of the Industry Awards and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.